

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2503–2526; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 154–155 and H. Res. 248, were introduced. **Pages H5570–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1995, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–232 part 1);

Report on revised suballocation of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–233);

H. Res. 246, providing for consideration of H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–234); and

H. Res. 247, providing for consideration of H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–235). **Page H5570**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Taylor of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5461**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Sam Whaley of Spindale, North Carolina. **Page H5461**

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 47 nays, Roll No. 296. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments on July 13. **Pages H5466–H5568**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment that increases funding for land acquisition, urban parks, strategic petroleum reserve, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 295. **Pages H5566–67**

On a demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Klink amendment that prohibits funding by the Park Service to implement alternatives B, C, or D, identified in the Final Management Plan and Envi-

ronmental Impact Statement for Gettysburg National Military Park, dated June 1999, dealing with the visitors center by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 294. The amendment was previously agreed to in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H5566**

Agreed to:

The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program by \$13 million and reduces Strategic Petroleum Reserve funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 284);

Pages H5473–79, H5482–83

The Young of Florida amendment that reduces land acquisition funding by \$5 million, increases clean coal technology deferral by \$66 million, and imposes a 0.48 percent reduction to each account, program, activity, and project; **Pages H5505–07**

The Rahall amendment that prohibits funding to process applications for approval of patents, plans of operations, or amendments to plans in contravention of the opinion dated November 7, 1997, by the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior that limits the disposal of mining waste to five acres (agreed to by a recorded vote of 273 yeas to 151 noes, Roll No. 288); **Pages H5509–19, H5559–60**

The Klink amendment that prohibits funding by the Park Service to implement alternatives B, C, or D, identified in the Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Gettysburg National Military Park dated June 1999 dealing with the visitors center (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 290); **Pages H5531–34, H5561**

The Farr amendment that prohibits the use of any jawed leghold trap or neck snare in any unit of the National Wildlife Refuge except for research, subsistence, conservation, or facilities protection (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 291); **Pages H5540–43, H5561–62**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to strike the requirement for a 25 percent cost share by states for Weatherization Assistance grants (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 285); **Pages H5479–83**

The Slaughter amendment that sought to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities, each by \$10 million and decrease Strategic Petroleum Reserve funding by \$20 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 217 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H5483–94, H5503–04**

The Stearns amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 287);

Pages H5496–H5502, H5504–05

The DeFazio amendment that sought to prohibit funding by the Forest Service for the recreational fee demonstration program authorized by section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 for units of the National Forest System;

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The Weldon of Florida amendment that sought to prohibit funding to approve class III gaming on Indian lands by any means other than a Tribal-State compact entered into between a State and a tribe (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 289);

Pages H5520–30, H5560–61

The Tancredo amendment that sought to reduce Forest and Rangeland Research funding by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 292); and

Pages H5543–47, H5562–63

The Wu amendment that sought to allocate National Forest System funding levels by decreasing timber sales management funding to \$196.8 million and increasing wildlife and fisheries habitat management funding to \$120.4 million and watershed improvements funding to \$40.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 293).

Pages H5547–59, H5563

Withdrawn:

The Stearns amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allocate National Endowment for the Arts grants to the States on the basis of population;

Pages H5502–03

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Language on page 37 line 23 through page 38 line 13;

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Language on page 76 line 16 through line 22;

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Language on page 80 line 11 through line 23;

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H. Res. 243, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 13.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5573–74.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5482–83, H5483, H5503–04, H5504–05, H5559–60, H5560–61, H5561, H5561–62, H5562–63, H5563, H5566, H5567, and H5568. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:24 p.m. on July 15.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Department of Energy reorganization. Testimony was heard from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs, Department of Energy.

AGING CRISIS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Aging Crisis and H.R. 202, Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens into the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW HEALTHY ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S MEDICARE FRAUD FIGHTERS?

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on How Healthy Are the Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations and Inspection; Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Investigation; Marjorie Kanoph, M.D., Deputy Director, Medicare Contractor Management, Center for Beneficiary Services and Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity Group, both with the Health Care Financing Administration; the following officials of the GAO: Leslie G. Aronovitz, CPA, Manager, Chicago Field Office; and Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations; and public witnesses.